(b) for how long these cases are pending; and

(c) if any case is pending for trial for more than 10 years, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) According to the information made available by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), 6233 cases are pending for trial as on 31.12.2000. The break-up of these cases is as under:

(i)	Cases pending upto 2 years	1133
(ii)	Cases pending for more than 2 years and upto 5 years	1448
(iii)	Cases pending for more than 5 years and upto 10 years	1850
(iv)	Cases pending for more than ten years	1802

(c) The reasons for delay in trial in courts of cases pending for more than ten years are as under:

(a) Stay on trials by the orders of Supreme Court/High Courts.

(b) Dilatory tactics adopted by defence by way of filling inter-locutary petitions / revision applications in higher courts.

(c) Frequent adjournments on the request of defence counsels.

(d) In most of the cases a large number of documents are required to be exhibited and witnesses examined.

(e) Non availability / appearance of witnesses in courts on scheduled dates.

(f) Due to heavy work load in the courts, long dates are given for hearing.

Amendment in service rules

588. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently decided to amend the service rules to enable it to grant an extension in service, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether Government had finalised any policy / guidelines to grant extension of service to its officers, if so, the details thereof and the rationale behind this decision which would adversely affected the senior officers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING OF THE MINISTERY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Fundamental Rules 56 has been amended on 4.7.2001 by adding an additional proviso which enables the Central Government to grant extension in service in public interest to the Cabinet Secretary only subject to the condition that the total term of the incumbent of the post of the Cabinet Secretary, who is given such extension in service, does not exceed two years.

(b) No, Sir. As the enabling provision made in the Fundamental Rules is to grant extension to the incumbent to the post of Cabinet Secretary only and since the rule itself is self-explanatory, Policy / guidelines is proposed to be issued. This was done with a view to enable the Central Government to give a tenure upto two years to Cabinet Secretary.

Panels of under Secretaries of CSS for notification

589. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that UPSC has forwarded to DOP the panels for 1989 and 1990 in respect of Under Secretaries of CSS for notification;

(b) whether these panels have been finalized on the same basis as those for 1987 and 1988;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the changes considered for these panels for 1989 and 1990; and

(d) why the issue of notification is being delayed to the disadvantage of serving CCS officers and by when it is likely to be notified?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (d) (i) UPSC have forwarded panels of Under Secretaries for 1989 and 1990;

(ii) Recommendations of the Departmental Promotion Committee (DPC) as forwarded by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) are required to be